



## City of Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee

6:30 PM Thursday, December 13, 2012

3rd Floor Conference Room

Beaverton City Hall

4755 Griffith Drive

### Agenda

#### Call to Order

Introductions

Public Participation Statement: The Bicycle Advisory Committee welcomes and encourages public participation during its meetings under the Visitors agenda item and under any scheduled Public Forum items. Under the Visitors agenda item, the public may raise bicycle-related issues that are not on this agenda for possible Committee review at a subsequent meeting. Under a Public Forum item, presentation and discussion by Committee members takes place and then the Chair may open the item for public input and discussion. Items are time limited at the Chair's discretion.

#### Approval of Minutes

Action on October 2012 meeting minutes.

#### Staff Communications

Council Update: Councilor Bode

Police Update: Officer Jim Patrick

Transportation Update:

Margaret Middleton: appreciation for those leaving the Committee, Barbara Chapnick, Les Ruh, Ernie Conway and new appointments recommendations to Council:

1. Howard DiNatale
2. James Laidler
3. Colleen McCann
4. John Ratliff

Boards and Commissions Dinner – everyone mark your calendars for the evening of January 25!

#### Visitors

#### New Business

Washington County Update

Shelley Oylear will update the committee on County bicycling issues.

### Public Forum Item: THPRD Nature Park Bicycle Question

Discussion/action on request for input on allowing/banning bicycles on paved trails within the park after the adjacent Westside Trail connection is completed. Public input welcome.

### Recording Secretary Position

Choose a new Recording Secretary for 2013.

### Old Business

#### Action Plan & Beaverton Vision

Report by each member on their progress.

### Committee Communications

- THPRD Trails Committee Update: Mary Elizabeth  
Volunteers for THPRD meetings:  
THPRD TAC meeting agendas are posted at  
<http://www.thprd.org/news/meetings.cfm?id=13>

December: no formal meeting; holiday  
gathering only  
January: Richard  
February:

March:  
April:  
May:

- Tigard Bike/Pedestrian Committee Report: decide upon new representative
- Other Member Communications:

### Your City Article Ideas

Subject ideas for March/April issue.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2013.

### Adjourn

If you have questions on any item, please feel free to call Margaret Middleton at (503) 526-2424.

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# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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## MEMO

**DATE:** November 19, 2012  
**TO:** Steve Gulgren  
**FROM:** Bruce Barbarasch

**RE:** **Bicycle Management in the Tualatin Hills Nature Park**

### **Background**

The Tualatin Hills Nature Park has approximately 1.5 miles of multi-use paved trails. Bicycles are prohibited on the park's soft-surface trails. The paved, Oak Trail is heavily used by bicyclists, walkers, environmental education classes, and runners.

Historically various individuals and groups have envisioned a bicycle-free trail system at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park, however this was not feasible because the Oak Trail provides an important transportation connection between the Westside Trail at SW Millikan Way and the light rail station at Merlo Road.

With the planned construction of the Westside to Waterhouse Trail connection, a paved trail will skirt the northern edge of the park, connecting the existing Westside Trail to the Merlo Road light rail station.

### **Proposal**

Staff are considering the pros and cons of excluding bicycles from the park upon completion of the park. Staff assume that with appropriate signage, the majority of commuting bicyclists would use the Westside to Waterhouse Trail instead of park trails.

#### Pros of no-bikes

1. Increased undisturbed space for quiet nature watching. (Though patrons complain about groups of joggers much more frequently than bikes.)
2. Lower probability of user conflict.

#### Cons of no-bikes

1. Enforcing a no bikes rule would take significant staff efforts on a continuous basis. Patrons would be unhappy with staff if we do not act on every bicycle report, yet catching an offending bicyclist could prove challenging.
2. The trail currently provides families with young children a relatively quiet bike riding venue. Families would be excluded from using the trails, which defeats one of the Park District's recreational goals.
3. There are currently very few bicycle-pedestrian conflicts, so instituting a new rule would shift staff efforts to a lower priority effort.

### **Next Steps**

Staff will seek input from various citizens groups to determine the level of community interest. Based on these considerations as well as the feasibility of implementing the rule, a recommendation will be made to Park District Management.

### **Natural Resources Department**

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# TUALATIN HILLS NATURE PARK

## LEGEND

GRID SPACING 200' x 200'

RIVER/STREAM

PARK BOUNDARY

PAVED TRAILS

SECONDARY TRAILS

WETLANDS

UPLANDS

